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Applicants: Guintoli, et al.

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For: HYDROGEL AND SCRIM  
ASSEMBLY FOR USE WITH  
ELECTRO-ACUPUNCTURE DEVICE  
WITH STIMULATION ELECTRODES

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Examiner: R. Bradford

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**Attn: R. Bradford  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the application identified above, Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on January 14, 2004, for three months from April 14, 2004 to July 14, 2004. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$950.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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